

# BOIL WATER NOTICE

Inadequate disinfection for \_\_\_\_\_ water  
( name of Public Water System )

## BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

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This Boil Water Notice applies to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(describe area or attach map)

### What Happened ?

Routine monitoring on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) showed inadequate disinfection for your drinking water. Disinfection is used to destroy harmful microbes that can be in drinking water.

*Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### What is being done ?

\_\_\_\_\_  
( describe corrective actions )

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next \_\_\_\_\_ days \_\_\_\_\_ hours until the problem is fixed. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to boil your water.

### For more information, please contact:

\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.  
( name of person ) ( name of Public Water System ) ( phone number )

or the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.  
( County/District Office ) ( phone number )

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# BOIL WATER NOTICE

Loss of pressure in \_\_\_\_\_  
( name of Public Water System )

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### What Happened ?

At about \_\_\_\_\_ (time) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) the water system lost pressure due to \_\_\_\_\_. When water mains lose pressure it increases the chance that untreated water and harmful microbes can enter your water.

*Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### What is being done ?

\_\_\_\_\_  
( describe corrective actions )  
\_\_\_\_\_

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State Water System ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_

# BOIL WATER NOTICE

High turbidity levels found in \_\_\_\_\_ water  
( name of Public Water System )

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(describe area or attach map)

### What Happened ?

Your water is routinely monitored for turbidity (cloudiness) to determine if it is being properly filtered. Water samples taken on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) had turbidity levels of \_\_\_\_\_ turbidity units. This is above the allowable standard of \_\_\_\_\_ turbidity units. Because of the elevated turbidity, there is an increased chance that your drinking water may contain harmful microbes.

*Turbidity alone has no health effects. But it can interfere with disinfection, allow harmful microbes to grow, and may indicate the presence of harmful microbes, including bacteria, viruses, and parasites. These can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*

*But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water.*

*If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### What is being done ?

\_\_\_\_\_  
( describe corrective actions )

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# BOIL WATER NOTICE

Elevated coliform found in \_\_\_\_\_ water  
( name of Public Water System )

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### What Happened ?

Routine monitoring for coliform bacteria showed an unexpected number of positive coliform tests on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). While the coliform standard has not been violated, these results and other water system factors indicate a condition exists that can potentially cause illness.

*Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that potentially harmful microbes may be present.*

*Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### What is being done ?

\_\_\_\_\_  
( describe corrective actions )

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# BOIL WATER NOTICE

Coliform exceedance in \_\_\_\_\_ water  
( name of Public Water System )

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### What Happened ?

Regular monitoring showed a violation for total coliform bacteria in your drinking water. During \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year), \_\_\_\_\_ ( number or percentage ) of the samples taken tested positive, including \_\_\_\_\_ repeat sample(s) taken on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

*Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that potentially harmful microbes may be present.*

*Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### What is being done ?

\_\_\_\_\_  
( describe corrective actions )  
\_\_\_\_\_

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# BOIL WATER NOTICE

*E. coli* bacteria found in \_\_\_\_\_ water  
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### What Happened ?

*E. coli* bacteria were found in the drinking water on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) .  
The New York State Department of Health considers any confirmed *E. coli* positive sample as a public health hazard and a violation of drinking water standards.

*The presence of Escherichia coli (E. coli) bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Harmful microbes in these wastes, including E. coli, can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. These may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by harmful microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### What is being done ?

\_\_\_\_\_  
( describe corrective actions )  
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# BOIL WATER NOTICE

Elevated levels of Giardia or Cryptosporidium have been found in water from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
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### What Happened ?

Routine monitoring on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) showed an unexpected number of these protozoan microbes in your drinking water. There is no drinking water standard for this harmful microbe, but the results indicate a condition exists that can potentially cause illness and the Department of Health considers this to be a public health hazard.

*These protozoans are common in natural waters in our State. Ingesting them in a large enough dose can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. This may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*

*But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water.*

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# BOIL WATER NOTICE

A problem is present in \_\_\_\_\_ water  
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### What Happened ?

Starting on \_\_\_\_\_ the water system had the following problem:  
( date, and time if known )

\_\_\_\_\_  
( explain cause of problem )

*This problem indicates that harmful microbes may be present in your drinking water. Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

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